

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-18 are pending. By this Amendment Claim 11 is canceled and Claims 12-15, 17 and 18 are amended. No new matter has been added.


Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that Claim 16 is allowed and that Claims 17 and 18 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 18 has been placed in independent form and Claims 12-15 and 17 have been amended to depend from allowable Claim 18.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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